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Radio Information

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1. [redacted] there were no spare parts available for radios with batteries, and they had to be bought on the black market. 25X1
2. [redacted] no permits were required to buy radios or replacement parts, but the radio had to be registered at the post office. An annual tax of 50 leva was levied on radio sets, which was payable to the PTT (Post, Telegraph and Telephone) office. 25X1
3. There were five privately owned sets in the Village of Maluk Preslavets, one of which belonged to a Communist. One set was located in the village reading room. There were no wired receivers in the village. 25X1

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4.

prices for the following sets:

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- a. "Voroshilov", a 2 plus 1 tube Bulgarian make, costs 900 leva;
- b. "Marek", a 3 plus 1 tube Bulgarian make, costs 1,250 leva;
- c. "Baltika", a 5 plus 1 tube Soviet make, costs 2,700 leva;
- d. "Ural", a 4 plus 1 tube Soviet make radio with phonograph, costs 2,250 leva;
- e. "Orion", a 7 plus 1 tube Hungarian make, costs 3,100 leva; and
- f. "Olimpis", a 5 plus 1 tube East German make, costs 2,250 leva.

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(Whenever a radio set has a "magic eye" for fine tuning it is regarded as a separate tube and this should explain the term 4 plus 1 tube.)

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5. Spare parts are available on the market. There are no spare parts for radio sets of West European make. Tubes for such sets can be found only on the black market. Radio repairmen in many cases adapt other spare parts to the old radio set.

6. [redacted] permits were not required for purchase of a radio set. After the purchase, the radio had to be registered at the post office section "Radio sets." Whenever the owner does not wish to use his radio set, it is "sealed" by the same office. Usage of unregistered radio sets is punishable by a fine which is usually over 100 leva.

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7. An annual tax of 50 leva on sets is payable in one or two installments. The payment is made at the Radio Section of every Post Office. On the receipt of the sum, the clerk indicates it and the period for which the set can be in use.

Reaction to Foreign Broadcasts

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8. Although there are no legal restrictions on listening to foreign anti-Communist broadcasts, all those who spread news heard from foreign radio stations are indicted as warmongers, since the news is regarded as war propaganda.

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10.

[redacted] the peasants liked the jokes they broadcast. [redacted] the broadcasts of Vlada Karastoyanova on the BBC were liked by the population because of her direct attack on Communism.

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11.

[redacted] VOA was the most intelligible, and [redacted] from 60 to 90 percent of the rest of the broadcasts could be understood.

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12.

[redacted] the best time of day for listening to anti-Communist broadcasts was from 8 to 12 p.m. in the summer, and from 6 to 11 p.m. during the winter. Sunday is considered to be the best day of the week for listening.

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